

ST. PETER'S (DUBLIN) ASSESSMENT.

A RETURN of the ASSESSMENT passed at the Two Vestries held in Easter Week in ST. PETER'S PARISH, *Dublin*, stating the Particulars and the Total Amount; distinguishing such Charges as were not included in the Assessment of last Year, and also stating the Amount of last Year's Assessment.

(*Mr. O'Dwyer.*)

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ASSESSMENT made at General Vestry, April 10, 1833.

	£.	s.	d.
For the fire-engine keepers of this parish, one year's salary - - -	30	-	-
For man and horse attending the large engine, per contract, for one year -	10	-	-
For men working the engines at inspection - - - - -	-	16	-
For oil for the large and small engines - - - - -	1	10	-
For premiums to the fire-engine keepers of the several parishes, for attending at fires in this parish, pursuant to Act 6 Geo. 3, c. 15 -	18	-	-
For coffins for the poor of the parish - - - - -	50	-	-
For fees payable in the Lord Mayor's Office for swearing in constables -	1	2	6
For appointment and collecting books, printing, stationery, and account-books - - - - -	15	-	-
For stamps on parish cess receipts - - - - -	2	-	-
For winding and taking care of the clocks of St. Peter's and St. Kevin's, for one year, per contract - - - - -	5	5	-
For mowing and foot-mans for St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, St. Kevin's and Rathmines Churches - - - - -	12	-	-
For organist of St. Peter's, one year's salary - - - - -	65	-	-
For the organ bellows-blower of said church, ditto - - - - -	6	16	-
For tuning the said organ - - - - - ditto - - - - -	6	16	-
For the bellows of St. Peter's - - - - - ditto - - - - -	48	-	-
For the bellows of St. Peter's - - - - - ditto - - - - -	50	-	-
For the vestry-clerk of this parish - - - - - ditto - - - - -	8	-	-
For cleansing the passages to and about St. Peter's Church, ditto - - -	15	-	-
For the bellows of St. Kevin's Chapel, ditto - - - - -	4	10	-
For cleansing the passages to and about said Chapel, ditto - - - - -	40	-	-
For the organist of St. Stephen's Chapel, ditto - - - - -	6	6	-
For the organ bellows-blower, ditto - - - - -	6	6	-
For tuning the organ, ditto - - - - -	25	-	-
For the bellows of St. Stephen's Chapel, ditto - - - - -	6	-	-
For cleansing the passages and footways to and about said chapel, ditto -	5	5	-
For winding and taking care of the great clock of St. Stephen's Chapel, ditto	30	-	-
For the organist of Trinity Church, Rathmines, ditto - - - - -	12	-	-
For the bellows of ditto, ditto - - - - -	6	-	-
For blowing the bellows and tuning the organ of ditto, ditto - - - - -	4	-	-
For cleansing the passages to and about said church, ditto - - - - -	1	7	8
For supplying St. Peter's Church with pure water for one year - - - - -	-	15	7
For a new blind put up in St. Kevin's Church - - - - -	-	4	-
For amount of sum advanced by Geo. A. F. Halahan and Wm. C. Hamilton, late churchwardens, to Geo. Campbell, for regulating blinds - - -	2	19	10 1
For ditto, advanced by ditto, for premiums to fire-engine keepers - - -	-	16	-
For ditto, advanced by ditto, for men working the engines at inspection, not assessed last year - - - - -	-	11	-
For ditto, advanced by ditto, to Mr. Devine, for serving 11 feet of leather tube of the engine - - - - -	-	14	-
For amount of sum advanced by Geo. A. F. Halahan and Wm. C. Hamilton, late churchwardens, for advertising - - - - -	-	19	9
For ditto, advanced by ditto, to L. A. Bryna, for spade, shovels, &c. for St. Peter's and St. Kevin's Churches - - - - -	1	-	-
For ditto, advanced by ditto, to J. Mullen, for serving summonses - - -	20	-	-
For Edward Mills, for taking care of St. Kevin's churchyard, as a salary for one year, (see Appendix, No. 1.) - - - - -	9	-	-
For a gown and cassock for St. Peter's Church - - - - -	5	10	-
For three surplices, two for St. Peter's and one for St. Kevin's, and hands for enclosing Rathmines Church with iron railing, including gates, palliades, base, and ornamental railing, (see Appendix, No. 2.) - - -	250	-	-
For amount of debts due by the late churchwardens to the parish, (see Appendix, No. 3.) - - - - -	200	-	-
For collector's poundage, to be paid at 5 per cent. upon the sum collected for reimbursing Mr. Sharpe for sundry sums expended by him on account of the fringing of St. Peter's Church, (see Appendix, No. 4.) - - -	15	18	8
For the curates of St. Peter's, St. Kevin's, and the senior chaplain of St. Stephen's, for the purpose of remunerating them for the performance of early divine service, that 5d. in the shilling of Minister's Money be assessed, amounting to (see Appendix, No. 5) - - - - -	600	-	-
For Reverend Mr. Fox, Curate of Rathmines Church, as a salary for remunerating him for his extra duty in said church, (see Appendix, No. 6) - - - - -	50	-	-
£.	1,735	9	- 1

Amount of Assessment made at General Vestry, April 25, 1833 - £. 586 5 -

John Torrest Aday, Dublin, Chairman.

ASSESSMENT made at Vestry, held under the Second Section of the Act of Parliament,

7 Geo. 4, c. 78, April 11, 1833.

	£.	s.	d.
For carpenter's work done at St. Kevin's Church, per account furnished	1	11	-
For a printed registry book of baptisms, marriages and burials, containing 43 skins of parchment, amount of account furnished by John S. Folds	5	1	1
For smith's work done at Rathmines Church, per account furnished by William White	1	6	2
For glazier's work done at St. Peter's, St. Kevin's and St. Stephen's Churches, per account furnished by Allen Jackson	4	19	-
For brushes, floor-cloths, dusters, &c. per account furnished by William Jones, for Rathmines Church	1	13	9
For towels, dusters, floor-cloths, plate-cloths, &c. for the ensuing year, for St. Peter's, St. Kevin's, St. Stephen's and Rathmines Churches	3	5	1
For brushes for St. Peter's, St. Kevin's, St. Stephen's and Rathmines Churches	3	10	-
For four coal-boxes, two for St. Peter's, one for St. Kevin's, and one for St. Stephen's, and one bellows for St. Kevin's	-	19	6
For ironmongery and smith's work done at Rathmines Church, per account furnished by Richard Turner, in case said account appears correct	52	4	8
For bricklayer's and carpenter's work at Rathmines Church, per account furnished by Charles Kearns, in case said account appears correct	25	13	8
For carpenter's work done at St. Peter's Church, per account furnished by ditto	1	3	8
For amount advanced by Geo. A. F. Halahan and Wm. C. Hamilton, Esqrs. to Messrs. Smith and Bradford, for plumber's work on the roof of Rathmines Church	6	10	-
For ditto advanced by ditto to Thomas Taro, for glazing at St. Kevin's	-	6	-
For ditto advanced by ditto to Robert Smiley, for smith's work at St. Peter's, St. Kevin's and St. Stephen's	2	14	4
For lighting St. Peter's Church with oil gas, for one year	18	9	-
For sweeping the chimneys of the four churches	1	13	-
For tenth instalment to the Board of First Fruits on loan of 1,500 <i>l.</i> for completion of St. Stephen's Chapel	55	7	8
For fourth instalment to the Board of First Fruits on loan of 400 <i>l.</i> for completion of Rathmines Church	16	-	-
For cleaning the windows of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, St. Kevin's and Rathmines Churches, for one year	14	14	-
For sacramental elements for the four churches	30	-	-
For coals, turf and hogwood for ditto	32	-	-
For the sexton of St. Peter's, one year's salary	80	-	-
For the clerk of St. Stephen's Chapel, ditto	31	10	-
For the sexton of - ditto	35	-	-
For the sexton of St. Kevin's - ditto	25	-	-
For the clerk of - ditto	20	-	-
For the clerk of Rathmines - ditto	30	-	-
For the sexton of ditto - ditto	-	5	-
For a rope for the bell of St. Kevin's	-	-	-
For furnishing bells for the churches of St. Peter's and St. Stephen's, subject to be expended at the discretion of the churchwardens, (see Appendix, No. 7.)	50	-	-
	£.	575	16 1

Amount of assessment made at Vestry, held under the second section of the Act of Parliament, 7 Geo. 4, c. 78, April 25, 1833 - £. 568 19 - 1

John Torrens Ady,
Dulken, Chairman.

APPENDIX.

ST. PETER'S PARISH, DUBLIN.

Items not included in last Year's Assessment.

No.	£.	s.	d.
1. To Edward Mills for taking care of churchyards, for two years -	20	-	-
2. For inclosing Rathmines church with iron railing - - - -	250	-	-
3. Amount due by churchwardens, owing to collector's fraud - -	200	-	-
4. To reimburse Mr. Sharpe for money advanced by him - - -	15	18	8
5. For the curates for early divine service in their respective churches	600	-	-
6. To the Rev. S. W. Fox of Rathmines Church - - - - -	50	-	-
7. Providing two bells for St. Peter's and St. Stephen's Churches, both being broken - - - - -	50	-	-
£.	1,185	18	8

No. 1. This item appears not in the charges of last year, but it was included in a sum laid on at former vestries for taking care of the churchyards, and protecting the bodies buried therein. It was discontinued, in expectation that the practice of disinterring the dead would have ceased; but finding the contrary to be the case until the appointment of the present man, this sum was voted to Edward Mills for his extraordinary care and diligence in protecting the burial grounds for two years. The sum previously paid to watchmen for the same purpose amounted to 40*l.* per annum.

No. 2. This assessment for inclosing Rathmines Church with iron railing was postponed at last vestry on account of the heavy charges to be laid on the parish for the prevention of the spread of cholera and the care of such paupers as were afflicted with that disease. The parish is bound by deed to execute this work; and Mr. White, the person from whom they hold the ground on which the church is built, threatened to enforce the penalty last year if not executed; but he kindly forbore doing so, with the perfect understanding that an entry on the parish books should be inserted, promising the performance of the work. This entry was placed on the books by and with the unanimous consent of the parishioners then present; and the vestry of the present year only fulfilled the engagement of the preceding one.

No. 3. *£.* 200. to meet deficiency of churchwardens. Thomas A. Harrison was employed by the several churchwardens of St. Peter's parish for the last 20 years in collecting the parish assessments. He, for that period, as appears from the books, had satisfactorily performed his duties, and had with all preceding churchwardens regularly settled his accounts. He was employed as usual by the late churchwardens, without their requiring security from him, a precaution never taken by their predecessors, as they supposed Harrison to be a man of substance, and as he had constantly maintained the character of an upright and intelligent man. To their utter surprise Harrison became an insolvent, and fled from the country, leaving a deficit of 250*l.* due to the churchwardens, and taking much larger sums from other persons, and from the managers of other institutions, along with him. The parishioners thought it not reasonable that the churchwardens, who had faithfully discharged their other duties, should lose this sum, and they almost unanimously voted that the sum of 200*l.* should be re-assessed to cover the loss sustained.

No. 4. This small sum of 15*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* was voted to remunerate a parishioner for money actually expended by him in procuring plans and estimates for the contemplated improvement of St. Peter's Church, by the directions of a committee of parishioners.

No. 5. This sum was always assessed for the curates of St. Peter's parish, in consequence of their compliance with the desire of the parishioners to have a third service at an early hour of the morning in the churches of St. Peter and St. Kevin, and also in that of St. Stephen since its completion, nine years since. This agreement took place so far back as the year 1797, and was regularly continued without any intermission to the year 1826 or 1827, when it was considered that it would be more advisable, and also more complimentary to the curates, to lay on the sum in such a manner as would cause it to appear to be more of a voluntary than of a compulsory nature, the parishioners then present expressing themselves ready to pay this sum without any obligation. The curates complied with the wishes of those persons, and the assessment was made without the payment being obligatory. The experiment failed; and ever since it has been tried, the income of the curates has gradually, from year to year, decreased, so much so, that in the last year they only received a very small remuneration indeed for their additional services. The parishioners assembled at the

late vestry were most anxious that faith should be kept with the curates, whose valuable services they all acknowledged, and they accordingly, without one single dissentient voice, voted the assessment as obligatory; and they did this with the intention that their clergymen should for the future be regularly paid and placed on an equal footing with the curates of other parishes in Dublin, in which the duties to be discharged are neither so arduous nor so unremitting. This sum, it must be observed, was voted at the general vestry, and met with unanimous support from all persons of every denomination then present.

No. 6. This sum of 50*l.* was proposed by some of those gentlemen who frequent Rathmines Church, of which Mr. Fox is curate, as reward for early service, to be hereafter performed in said church. This item was never assessed before, as no such service was performed.

No. 7. The last sum of 50*l.* was assessed for the purpose of replacing two bells which had been cracked in the present year; and as a bell is necessary for the church, they could not be refused. The breaking of the bells of St. Peter's and St. Stephen's Churches could not have been foreseen, did not occur before, and is now an extra charge.
